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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement dated October 16, 2003 for which a response is due on or before November 17, 2003 (November 16 being a Sunday), Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-19, drawn to stimulation for heart contractility.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement and respectfully request withdrawal thereof as the inventions of Group I-III are sufficiently related and examination of claims belonging to all three groups does not create a serious burden on the Examiner. Specifically, all the groups belong to the subclass 2 of class 607 and there are only 32 claims in the present application.

If there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this election, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this case.

The Patent Office is authorized to charge any fees that may be necessary for consideration of this paper to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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